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SUBJECT: TRIESTE SITUATION

REF: A. ROME 4292; B. BELGRADE 1450; C. ROME 4409

DURING APRIL 1 CALL ON DEFENSE MINISTER GIULIO ANDREOTTI, I TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW WITH HIM THE DETAILS OF EXERCISE DARK IMAGE AND THE SHORE LEAVE PROGRAM PLANNED FOR TRIESTE. I ALSO INFORMED HIM THAT OUR EMBASSY IN BELGRADE HAD INFORMED THE YUGOSLAVS OF THE SHORE LEAVE PROGRAM, EMPHASIZING THAT THE SHIPS' VISITS HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THE CURRENT ZONE B. DISPUTE. ANDREOTTI REPLIED THAT HE WAS AWARE OF THE EXERCISE AND AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO CHANGE IN PLANS. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD CALLED IN THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR AND TOLD HIM ABOUT THE EXERCISE, NOTING THAT IT HAD BEEN PLANNED TO MANY MONTHS AND WAS UNRELATED TO THE ZONE B DISPUTE. ANDREOTTI SAID THAT THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR HAD THANKED HIM VERY MUCH FOR THE INFORMATION

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AND HAD INDICATED HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT IT WOULD NOT CAUSE

ANY DIFFICULTY. ANDREOTTI SAID THAT HE HAD TOLD THE YUGOSLAV
AMBASSADOR THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IF THE YUGOSLAVS HAD
INFORMED THE ITALIANS BEFOREHAND OF THE YUGOSLAV TROOP MOVEMENTS
AROUND TRIESTE. VOLPE

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